NAC CHAPTER 692C HOLDING COMPANIES GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM A, B, C, D, AND E

<u>Forms – Completion, Copies and Size</u>

- A. Forms A, B, C, D, and E are intended to be guides in the preparation of the statements required by NRS 692C.260. They are not intended to be blank forms which are to be filled in. The statements filed shall contain the numbers and captions of all items, but the text of the items may be omitted provided the answers thereto are prepared in such a manner as to indicate clearly the scope and coverage of the items. All instructions, whether appearing under the items of the form or elsewhere therein, are to be omitted. Unless expressly provided otherwise, if any item is inapplicable or the answer thereto is in the negative, an appropriate statement to that effect shall be made.
- B. Two (2) complete copies of each statement including exhibits and all other papers and documents filed as a part thereof, shall be filed with the Commissioner by personal delivery or mail addressed to: Insurance Commissioner of the State of Nevada Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Pkwy., Suite 103, Carson City, NV 89706. Attention: Corporate and Finance Section. A copy of Form C shall be filed in each state in which an insurer is authorized to do business, if the Commissioner of that state has notified the insurer of its request in writing, in which case the insurer has fifteen (15) days from receipt of the notice to file such form. At least one of the copies shall be manually signed in the manner prescribed on the form. Unsigned copies shall be conformed. If the signature of any person is affixed pursuant to a power of attorney or other similar authority, a copy of the power of attorney or other authority shall also be filed with the statement.
- C. Statements should be prepared on paper 8 1/2" x 11" in size and preferably bound at the top or the top left-hand corner. Exhibits and financial statements, unless specifically prepared for the filing, may be submitted in their original size. All copies of any statement, financial statements or exhibits shall be clear, easily readable and suitable for photocopying. Debits in credit categories and credits in debit categories shall be designated so as to be clearly distinguishable as such on photocopies. Statements shall be in the English language and monetary values shall be stated in United States currency. If any exhibit or other paper or document filed with the statement is in a foreign language, it shall be accompanied by a translation into the English language and any monetary value shown in a foreign currency normally shall be converted into United States currency.

Forms - Incorporation by Reference, Summaries and Omissions

A. Information required by any item of Form A, Form B, Form D or Form E may be incorporated by reference in answer or partial answer to any other item. Information contained in any financial statement, annual report, proxy statement, statement filed with a governmental authority, or any other document may be incorporated by reference in answer or partial answer to any item of Form A, Form B, Form D or Form E provided the document or paper is filed as an exhibit to the statement. Excerpts of documents may be filed as exhibits if the documents are extensive. Documents currently on file with the Commissioner which were filed within three (3)

years need not be attached as exhibits. References to information contained in exhibits or in documents already on file shall clearly identify the material and shall specifically indicate that such material is to be incorporated by reference in answer to the item. Matter shall not be incorporated by reference in any case where the incorporation would render the statement incomplete, unclear or confusing.

B. Where an item requires a summary or outline of the provisions of any document, only a brief statement shall be made as to the pertinent provisions of the document. In addition to the statement, the summary or outline may incorporate by reference particular parts of any exhibit or document currently on file with the Commissioner which was filed within three (3) years and may be qualified in its entirety by such reference. In any case where two (2) or more documents required to be filed as exhibits are substantially identical in all material respects except as to the parties thereto, the dates of execution, or other details, a copy of only one of the documents need be filed with a schedule identifying the omitted documents and setting forth the material details in which the documents differ from the documents, a copy of which is filed.

Forms-Information Unknown or Unavailable and Extension of Time to Furnish

- A. Information required need be given only insofar as it is known or reasonably available to the person filing the statement. If any required information is unknown and not reasonably available to the person filing, either because the obtaining thereof would involve unreasonable effort or expense, or because it rests peculiarly within the knowledge of another person not affiliated with the person filing, the information may be omitted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) The person filing shall give such information on the subject as it possesses or can acquire without unreasonable effort or expense, together with the sources thereof; and
- (2) The person filing shall include a statement either showing that unreasonable effort or expense would be involved or indicating the absence of any affiliation with the person within whose knowledge the information rests and stating the result of a request made to that person for the information
- B. If it is impractical to furnish any required information, document or report at the time it is required to be filed, there may be filed with the Commissioner a separate document:
- (1) Identifying the information, document or report in question;
- (2) Stating why the filing thereof at the time required is impractical; and
- (3) Requesting an extension of time for filing the information, document or report to a specified date. The request for extension shall be deemed granted unless the Commissioner within 60 days after receipt thereof enters an order denying the request.

Forms - Additional Information and Exhibits

In addition to the information expressly required to be included in Form A, Form B, Form C, Form D and Form E, the Commissioner may request such further material information, if any, as may be necessary to make the information contained therein not misleading. The person filing may also file such exhibits as it may desire in addition to those expressly required by the statement. The exhibits shall be so marked as to indicate clearly the subject matters to which they refer. Changes to Forms A, B, C, D or E shall include on the top of the cover page the phrase: "Change No. [insert number] to" and shall indicate the date of the change and not the date of the original filing.

Definitions

- A. "Executive officer" means chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, treasurer, secretary, controller, and any other individual performing functions corresponding to those performed by the foregoing officers under whatever title.
- B. "Ultimate controlling person" means that person which is not controlled by any other person.
- C. Unless the context otherwise requires, other terms found in these instructions are defined in Chapter 692C of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Other nomenclature or terminology is according to the Insurance Code, or industry usage if not defined by the Code.

Acquisition of Domestic Insurers

A. If the person being acquired is deemed to be a "domestic insurer" solely because of the provisions of NRS 692C.180, the name of the domestic insurer on the cover page should be indicated as follows:

"ABC Insurance Company, a subsidiary of XYZ Holding Company."

B. Where a NRS 692C.180 insurer is being acquired, references to "the insurer" contained in Form A shall refer to both the domestic subsidiary insurer and the person being acquired.

Pre-Acquisition Notification

If a domestic insurer, including any person controlling a domestic insurer, is proposing a merger or acquisition pursuant to NRS 692C.180, that person shall file a pre-acquisition notification form, Form E, which was developed pursuant to (insert new number).

Additionally, if a non-domiciliary insurer licensed to do business in this state is proposing a merger or acquisition pursuant to (**insert new number**), that person shall file a pre-acquisition notification form, Form E. No pre-acquisition notification form need be filed if the acquisition is beyond the scope of (**insert new number**) as set forth in (**insert new number**).

In addition to the information required by Form E, the Commissioner may wish to require an expert opinion as to the competitive impact of the proposed acquisition.

Annual Registration of Insurers - Statement Filing

An insurer required to file an annual registration statement pursuant to NRS 692C.260 shall furnish the required information on Form B, hereby made a part of these regulations.

Summary of Registration - Statement Filing

An insurer required to file an annual registration statement pursuant to NRS 692C.260 is also required to furnish information required on Form C, hereby made a part of these regulations. An insurer shall file a copy of Form C in each state in which the insurer is authorized to do business, if requested by the Commissioner of that state.

Amendments to Form B

- A. An amendment to Form B shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after the end of any month in which there is a material change to the information provided in the annual registration statement.
- B. Amendments shall be filed in the Form B format with only those items which are being amended reported. Each amendment shall include at the top of the cover page "Amendment No. [insert number] to Form B for [insert year]" and shall indicate the date of the change and not the date of the original filings.

Alternative and Consolidated Registrations

- A. Any authorized insurer may file a registration statement on behalf of any affiliated insurer or insurers which are required to register under NRS 692C.260. A registration statement may include information not required by the Act regarding any insurer in the insurance holding company system even if the insurer is not authorized to do business in this State. In lieu of filing a registration statement on Form B, the authorized insurer may file a copy of the registration statement or similar report which it is required to file in its State of domicile, provided:
- (1) The statement or report contains substantially similar information required to be furnished on Form B; and

- (2) The filing insurer is the principal insurance company in the insurance holding company system.
- B. The question of whether the filing insurer is the principal insurance company in the insurance holding company system is a question of fact and an insurer filing a registration statement or report in lieu of Form B on behalf of an affiliated insurer, shall set forth a brief statement of facts which will substantiate the filing insurer's claim that it, in fact, is the principal insurer in the insurance holding company system.
- C. With the prior approval of the Commissioner, an unauthorized insurer may follow any of the procedures which could be done by an authorized insurer under Subsection A above.
- D. Any insurer may take advantage of the provisions of NRS 692C.310 or NRS 692C.320 without obtaining the prior approval of the Commissioner. The Commissioner, however, reserves the right to require individual filings if he or she deems such filings necessary in the interest of clarity, ease of administration or the public good.

Disclaimers and Termination of Registration

- A. A disclaimer of affiliation or a request for termination of registration claiming that a person does not, or will not upon the taking of some proposed action, control another person (hereinafter referred to as the "subject") shall contain the following information:
- (1) The number of authorized, issued and outstanding voting securities of the subject;
- (2) With respect to the person whose control is denied and all affiliates of such person, the number and percentage of shares of the subject's voting securities which are held of record or known to be beneficially owned, and the number of shares concerning which there is a right to acquire, directly or indirectly;
- (3) All material relationships and bases for affiliation between the subject and the person whose control is denied and all affiliates of such person;
- (4) A statement explaining why the person should not be considered to control the subject.
- B. A request for termination of registration shall be deemed to have been granted unless the Commissioner, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request, notifies the registrant otherwise.

<u>Transactions Subject to Prior Notice - Notice Filing</u>

An insurer required to give notice of a proposed transaction pursuant to NRS 692C.363 shall furnish the required information on Form D.

Extraordinary Dividends and Other Distributions

- A. Requests for approval of extraordinary dividends or any other extraordinary distribution to shareholders shall include the following:
- (1) The amount of the proposed dividend;
- (2) The date established for payment of the dividend;
- (3) A statement as to whether the dividend is to be in cash or other property and, if in property, a description thereof, its cost, and its fair market value together with an explanation of the basis for valuation;
- (4) A copy of the calculations determining that the proposed dividend is extraordinary. The work paper shall include the following information:
- (a) The amounts, dates and form of payment of all dividends or distributions (including regular dividends but excluding distributions of the insurer's own securities) paid within the period of twelve (12) consecutive months ending on the date fixed for payment of the proposed dividend for which approval is sought and commencing on the day after the same day of the same month in the last preceding year;
- (b) Surplus as regards policyholders (total capital and surplus) as of the 31st day of December next preceding;
- (c) If the insurer is a life insurer, the net gain from operations for the 12-month period ending the 31st day of December next preceding;
- (d) If the insurer is not a life insurer, the net income less realized capital gains for the 12-month period ending the 31st day of December next preceding and the two preceding 12-month periods; and
- (e) If the insurer is not a life insurer, the dividends paid to stockholders excluding distributions of the insurer's own securities in the preceding two (2) calendar years;
- (5) A balance sheet and statement of income for the period intervening from the last annual statement filed with the Commissioner and the end of the month preceding the month in which the request for dividend approval is submitted; and
- (6) A brief statement as to the effect of the proposed dividend upon the insurer's surplus and the reasonableness of surplus in relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities and the adequacy of surplus relative to the insurer's financial needs.
- B. Each registered insurer shall report to the Commissioner all dividends and other distributions to shareholders within fifteen (15) business days following the declaration thereof, including the same information required by Subsection A(4) above.

Adequacy of Surplus

The factors set forth in NRS 692C.370 are not intended to be an exhaustive list. In determining the adequacy and reasonableness of an insurer's surplus no single factor is necessarily controlling. The Commissioner instead will consider the net effect of all of these factors plus other factors bearing on the financial condition of the insurer. In comparing the surplus maintained by other insurers, the Commissioner will consider the extent to which each of these factors varies from company to company and in determining the quality and liquidity of investments in subsidiaries, the Commissioner will consider the individual subsidiary and may discount or disallow its valuation to the extent that the individual investments so warrant.